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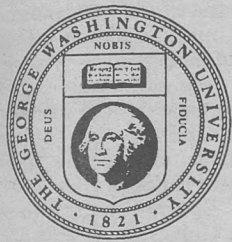
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The sleepy campus of Mt. Vernon College in northwest Washington will soon get several million dollars in renovations.

## Evans' balance act requires patience

Council must weigh opposing demands

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM  
AND JIM GERAGHTY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

For Jack Evans, it's all about balance.

Since being elected as the Ward 2 representative to the City Council in 1991, Evans has had to maintain a delicate balance between the interests of his direct constituents, the voting residents of Foggy Bottom and two of the ward's main landlords and employers - GW and Georgetown universities.

Unfortunately for Evans, the priorities and interests of the two groups are at odds with each other more often than not.

"Jack is in a very difficult position," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said. "He represents a constituency, which for reasons satisfactory to themselves, have elected to the (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) people whose hobby is quarreling with the University. He knows that there are considerable people who like the University, what used to be called the silent majority."

The tension really has no easy solution. As Evans pointed out, neither the residents nor the universities are likely to ever leave.

### Competing interests

The University and Foggy Bottom residents are "going to be here together, so how do we deal with it?" Evans asked, citing the problems with overcrowding, noise and parking.

"Students are very important to our city," Evans said. "They bring tremendous energy and a lot of resources. They spend a lot of money and bring a lot of goodwill to the city. I have only particular problems with students in the neighborhood."

The many sides of Jack Evans

second of a three part series

For most of his political career, Evans solidified his base of support by taking a strong stance with local residents against expansion by the area's two universities.

"The status quo is no longer acceptable. Students have to come forward to offer solutions to problems like noise and overcrowding. If students don't offer their own solutions, I have to

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## GW sets goals for Mt. Vernon

Trachtenberg says acquisition will reap long-term benefits

BY JARED SHER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University administrators, in an effort to reassure Mount Vernon College students about their school's future, renewed their promise to try to make MVC the best women's college in the nation.

The two schools announced last week a new affiliation that, among other things, will provide cash-strapped Mount Vernon with the resources it needs to survive and will offer GW access to more land.

Officials from both schools reiterated that securing Mount Vernon's status as an all-women's school remained a priority. "Women's colleges make a certain kind of contribution ... that probably would have been snuffed out in Washington ... if Mount Vernon hadn't been able to continue," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

Mount Vernon President LucyAnn Geiselman said her school is ready to work with GW to forge a mutually beneficial future. "We had a town meeting (Oct. 14) with all our students," she said. "There was a great sense of celebration that something was happening ... something really good."

She also recalled a story she was told on the telephone by Trachtenberg. "He said, 'LucyAnn, we're going to have the best women's college in the country.' And I believe it. And I would walk on hot coals to see that happen. I'm willing to have my feet held to the fire if they're going to help," she said.

Administrators said the first goal of the new relationship will be to make Mount Vernon financially secure and give its aging physical plant a much-needed facelift. "I'd like to have a balanced budget," Trachtenberg said, adding that "we're going to fix those roofs and get those buildings painted."

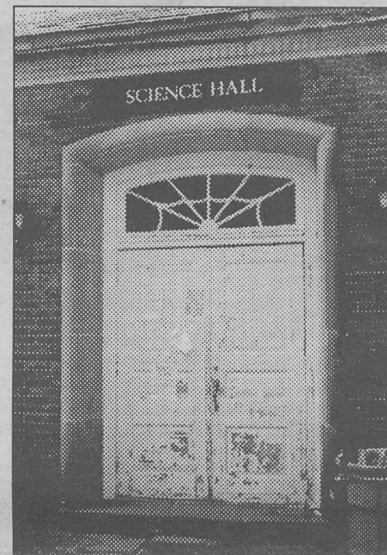
Trachtenberg also sought to allay fears that GW only entered the relationship to acquire more land in light of the University's acrimonious relationship with the Foggy Bottom community.

"If I wanted to buy land, I'd buy land. There's plenty of vacant land to be had," he said, adding that while physical space may appear to be the most obvious benefit to the deal, "the other (benefits) are a result of efforts that land doesn't take."

For example, one of the first tangible benefits from the affiliation may allow students from either school to take classes at the other without having to go through the consortium registration process. Even though students can take classes at other District schools through the consortium, some have found it a burdensome process.

GW Vice President for Administrative and Information Services Walter Bortz, who also will serve as the chairman of MVC's Board of Trustees, said integrating the school's computer systems will provide students with greater opportunities. This will

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Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

Many Mt. Vernon buildings need extensive repairs and paint jobs.

## Mt. Vernon's spirits lifted by new GW friends and resources

BY LEE RUMBARGER  
NEWS EDITOR

At Mount Vernon College, autumn leaves' scarlet and fits of fiery orange color the idyllic collegiate picture of red brick buildings and white trim. The 26-acre campus is nestled into the hilly northwest edge of the District, beyond Georgetown.

About 650 women, including graduate students, attend Mount Vernon. The college's new affiliation with GW has sparked excitement and apprehension on this quiet campus.

"I really want GW to take care of this school. Women are here to reach the top, and we've been kind of down," said Mahshid Amini, a senior health services major at Mount Vernon. She explained that financial insecurity and fear that Georgetown University would disband the college if it defaulted on its loan sunk student morale.

"There's a better feeling about GW letting us be a separate institution, that they're not just coming to invade us," said Mia Andrews, a sophomore

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## ANC in-fighting delays funding for next year

BY SIMONE WELLINGTON  
HATCHET REPORTER

Insults and screaming audience members at last week's meeting of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Committee 2A left the community organization without funding for next year as member after member stormed out of the verbal battle.

The budget and two presentations from area businessmen were included on the agenda for the evening. The events of the first 30 minutes of the meeting, however, modified the agenda.

A seven-day notice to all ANC panel members is required concerning new business before meetings are held each month. Commissioner Dorothy Miller declared the meeting unofficial, saying she had not received the information in time. Her objection sparked heated debate between both panelists and the audience.

Miller, a historically anti-GW member of the committee, was supported by fellow commissioner Maria Tyler. Committee Chair Sarah Maddux did not share their sentiments, although she spent the majority of the time attempting to eject a bystander who was filming the meeting. Commissioner Dale Barnhard tried to soothe the crowd by passing out chocolates before Tyler and Miller left the meeting.

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# Va. Campus wasn't random enough — enter Mt. Vernon

The mysterious Virginia Campus has been lingering, menacingly, on the horizon of the GW student body's consciousness for many a year now. Nobody really seems to know much about this satellite campus, or why we are constantly asked during phone registration and on add-drop forms which campus we are registering for.

It's as if administrators are lurking in the darkness of broken campus street lamps, ready to pounce upon the unwitting students who check the wrong box and drag them off to the dreaded country home of

the Virginia Campus.

One day students are here in the relative comfort of the (murder) capital of the world, the next they are on the threshold of suburbia and redneckia, with nary an international money-lending organization in sight, confused, horrified and going through Red Lion withdrawal.

Perhaps this Virginia Campus was somebody's bright idea for where to put all the excess undergraduates that GW accepts each and every year (I was probably one of them myself). GW accepts close to 60 percent of its applicants, and

when we have 1,700 freshmen (i.e. 700 more than can fit into a filled-to-the-brim Thurston Hall), every-



**Erik Schelzig**

body acts all surprised.

The admissions people speak of yields when it comes to how many

people intend to come to GW after being accepted. This year — and seemingly every year — the yield was a couple points higher than expected. And the housing crunch at GW continues.

The new dorm that is going up at 24th and H streets won't even take any pressure off the system. Apparently triples are to be reduced to doubles in the upperclassman dorms, and the old third roommates will be put in the new dorm. So freshmen will continue to be bunked and lofted and into oblivion as usual? You betcha.

Maybe students who think they are applying to the city campus (lure: "You will see the President a lot — but we usually mean SJT, not Bill") are actually going to be carted off to the country campus (lure: "Grass! We got grass! But we don't mean pot!").

Why would the University possibly deceive prospective students like this? Well, I can think of one reason: to buy more colleges, perhaps?

Last week we were all informed that GW had purchased an all-women's school by the name of Mount Vernon College in northwest Washington. Said a gleeful President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg: "We're going to do our darndest to see if we can make this the best women's college in America."

Before he can do that, he's gonna have to work some of his publicity magic on the financially strapped college. A quick surf of the World Wide Web found Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass.; a visitors' guide to Historic Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington; a Mount Vernon High School; a Mount

Vernon Motor Lodge; and guides to towns called Mount Vernon in Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky.

The search even found Mount Holyoke College — the women's school from which El Presidente seeks to pry the title of best women's college. But, alas, no Mount Vernon College could be found.

Not even the admittedly flawed Princeton Review of GW-as-huge-party-school infamy lists Mount Vernon College among the continent's 310 best colleges.

This is a school into which Georgetown University poured \$6.5 million in 1993 but still could not keep its head above water. GW expects to budget about \$1 million a year for the upkeep and rebuilding of Mount Vernon (which, according to unreliable sources, will now be referred to as "The Mount Vernon College").

So, according to SJT, GW's campus could be considered 50 percent larger. Call me a pessimist, but I prefer to think of it as Mount Vernon's space being 100 percent smaller. GW is already the second biggest landholder in Washington, D.C., and things aren't slowing down. Neither, suspiciously, are tuition hikes ....

At the going rate of GW expansion, tour guides on those open-air buses will soon be announcing "Welcome to George Washington, D.C." And wherever you go in the District, you will never be off campus. UPD officers will be everywhere, cycling nimbly through the mean streets in bright yellow outfits, and Public Enemy's new hit will be "4-6111 Is a Joke!" What a nightmare.

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# GW legend Mr. Henry's attempts a comeback

BY RACHEL SELIGMAN  
HATCHET REPORTER

An old GW hangout that had become a Foggy Bottom legend will soon re-open the doors of its bar to students.

Proprietor Rocky M. Khazali said he plans to open the top floor of Petra Restaurant, formerly known as Mr. Henry's Washington Circle bar, as "The George Washington University Room."

Khazali closed the bar, at 2134 Pennsylvania Ave., in October 1995 after it was investigated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. It has since opened as Petra, a Mediterranean restaurant.

The proprietors said they are happy to open the bar to the GW community again and hope it will be ready by the end of October.

"To me (when the bar closed), it was a loss of my personal attachment to the students that used to come here. I cared about each and every one of them," Khazali said.

According to Khazali, the room will be open Thursday to Saturday and on Sundays when there is a Monday holiday. There will be a disco on certain weekends, he said.

Like the old bar, it will have music and serve food. While the old Mr. Henry's had a reputation among some students for lax inspection of age identification, only those 21 years old will be allowed in, Khazali said. He stressed that only "valid identification, no college identification, will be accepted."

"We're going to have complete security and screening to be sure that everyone who comes in is legit

and able to drink," he said.

The proprietors have not spoken with the beverage control board since last year's run-in, which Khazali called "a big, big mess."

"I am really determined to start Mr. Henry's where I left off, but as 'The George Washington University Room,'" he said.

A spokesman for the control board said the bar will now have all of the same rights and privileges it originally had.

Many upperclassmen, however, remember Mr. Henry's as an 18 and older bar that accepted GW identification cards as proof of age. It was primarily a bar for underclassmen, and many have said it will be difficult to pick up where the bar left off.

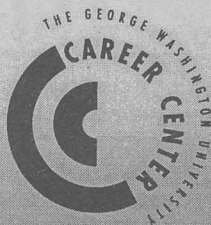
While many freshmen have never heard of Mr. Henry's, several have already learned of the infamous watering hole.

"I've heard it mentioned," freshman Matt Daneron said. "I was talking to a girl one day and she said 'that's where we all used to go when we were freshmen,'" he added.

Faye Genegaban, a senior, said the "ugly red wallpaper" is what she remembers most about Mr. Henry's. "A lot of people who would have known about it were underage then and are of age now, so to them (the opening) won't make a difference," she said.

Junior Rona Long, who had only been to Henry's three times, agreed. "Maybe upperclassmen will go there to relive old memories," she said.

"I remember cheesy pictures and really good food," senior Josh Drake said. "I think (the opening) will be pretty cool, but I wouldn't go a lot."



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## Honeymoon begins

Greetings, Mount Vernon College. Welcome to GW.

A deal announced last week calls for GW to assume responsibility for a \$6.5 million loan Mount Vernon secured from Georgetown University in 1993. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg also said the University will invest \$1 million a year during the next five years to improve Mount Vernon's campus.

We understand some students up there are a little worried. Granted, it's even possible that within five years, you'll be less than autonomous.

But it's a trade-off. For starters, the college won't be broke anymore. Administrators said the first goal of the new relationship will be to make Mount Vernon financially secure and give its aging physical plant a much-needed facelift. New roofs, fresh paint jobs and other improvements should make the campus look better.

So what's in it for GW?

Land, and lots of it. Although it's 15 minutes away, the GW Law School may no longer have to deal with cramped space. Or the Graduate School of Education and Human Development could move uptown, freeing up space for other departments.

And just think of all the stuff GW couldn't build in Foggy Bottom that it could build in a friendlier neighborhood. Visions of a WETA broadcasting station, the Health and Wellness Center and other big, previously impossible projects are dancing in our heads. Already the GW soccer teams are better off. They may soon have a field in the District.

One of the first tangible benefits from the affiliation may allow students from either school to take classes at the other without going through the complicated and arduous consortium registration process.

Some students may question whether the money GW put up for its new north District playpen could have been better spent elsewhere. But Trachtenberg pointed out that none of the funds for this project will come from the University's operating budget for the Foggy Bottom campus. And in the long run, future GW students could reap huge benefits from our new northern frontier.

## Just the facts, man

You have to give Student Association Vice President for Public Affairs David Eldred an "A" for effort. He's been all over campus, promoting a variety of SA projects. And few in the SA can match him for enthusiasm. This year, SA President Damian McKenna made Eldred the group's point man for handling media inquiries, making him their "press secretary" of sorts.

But a few problems have arisen so far. First, he's passed on information that just isn't true. So it isn't in men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis' contract that we can't have a Midnight Madness. So former one card program manager Steve Sitrin wasn't fired. A few (potentially libelous) slip-ups here and there are human.

Then he wrote in a letter to The GW Hatchet last week that "there was little resistance" to the passing of the Joint Elections Committee charter at the Marvin Center Governing Board meeting. Uh, well, except that Jonathan Pompan and Jeff Carroll were yelling at fellow members about it and abstained from voting for it. But hey, to err is human, and to forgive is divine, so we'll let it slide.

Then last week's City Paper article came out.

The City Paper, a free weekly, is about as anti-establishment a newspaper as you can find. Most of the time, it would like to see D.C. Councilmember Jack Evans devoured by rabid hippos. But not this time.

In an article about GW students' latest parking battles, Eldred was quoted as saying, "[GW] pays property taxes, and we're the second largest entity in the District, so we're paying more property taxes than anyone else."

The article goes downhill from there. After writing, "Uh, nice bit of persuasive speaking there Mr. Eldred, but your research sucks," City Paper reporter Tina Plottel mocks the SA parking rights rally as "the frat-boy version of the March on Washington" and says that "residential parking stickers are not exactly the stuff of 14th Amendment protections." Ugh.

Most of us know that as a nonprofit institution, GW doesn't pay property taxes. Did Eldred's mistake tilt the reporter's view against the students? We'll never know, but his statement doesn't reflect well on the SA or on GW. We wish Eldred would be a little more careful when giving facts to reporters.

"Sucks" is harsh. "Needs work" is what we think of Eldred's research.

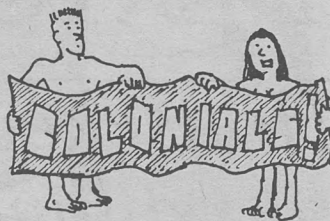
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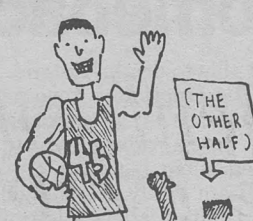
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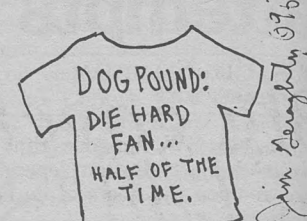
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## Family weekend hype showcases parents' involvement in GW life

GW was in full effect this weekend. With the ever-wandering George mascot, a family modern dance class on Friday, double-decker bus tours, a student organization debate on taxes and enough receptions to almost overwhelm the Marvin Center, getting around campus was a bit of a challenge. Even without the basketball-related hype, Colonial madness was the best way to describe the situation.

Not to say we weren't warned. Family weekend is a marquee event at this image-conscious school, and all the ass-kissing that comes with it is to be expected. About 1,366 parents, siblings and guests showed up for family weekend festivities this time around, and several hundred more showed up for GW's prospective student Open House, according to the Office of Campus Activities. No wonder they set up catering at J Street.

The fact that GW's organizational capabilities shine through in times like this is without question. The University excels at public relations, and Family Weekend/Open House activities are great examples of GW's polished presentation in action.

"They do a nice job," said Doug Fullman of Plainsborough, N.J., whose son is a freshman. "They know how to handle the families. It takes a little of the hassle out of coming here."

But family weekend is only part of the ongoing emphasis GW places on parents' involvement. Starting with Colonial Inauguration, the school invests a fair amount of time and resources into letting people know what information and opportunities exist.

"Our philosophy, and the University's philosophy, is

to allow parents to be involved in their students' college experience in a positive way," said Rodney Johnson, GW's director of parent services. "We enjoy having parents on campus, and it helps us provide services if they are aware and involved in their student's progress."

Surprisingly, the Office of Parent Services is more than just a filter for individual concerns and complaints. The GW Parents Association, which was established four years ago, now has more than 500 members, and its governing board, the Parents Association Advisory Council, is taking an active role in addressing issues of importance to GW families. Members of its student life committee took tours of the financial aid office and talked to housing officials this weekend, for example.

"If enough parents have a concern, the University will certainly listen," Johnson said.

The fact is that because parents help pay the school's bills, the University must listen. Examples of this influence were visible during the failed 1995 Commencement and the Richie Parker incident that same summer. Intelligently, GW responds to parents—there's not much choice.

For students, particularly undergraduates, parents are a key to the school's present and future. Although they may be missing from daily campus life, it is important to pay attention to what your parents are doing. It may be worth more in the long run than you think.

—Joanna Markell is a senior majoring in journalism.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### J Street still not par

A few weeks ago, after circling J Street trying to decide what I should — what I could — eat, I alighted at the vegetarian place. The student in front of me asked for the pasta. As the server spooned out a greasy glob, to the student's utter horror, she commented, "There's meat in this." Since when do vegetarians eat meat?

A few days later a friend related finding a worm on one of the peppers in her salad. I brought a friend to J Street just today who, against my advice, ordered a croissant at the Deli. I spent the next few minutes talking as he chewed, and chewed and ... chewed.

Incidents like these say to me that the folks at Dining Services don't care about who they serve, namely the students. They claim to have one of the best food services

in the nation, but if J Street is the top of the line, I shudder to think what my peers across the nation are eating.

Moreover, Dining Services doesn't have to care about us, because the University, by forcing us to pay at the beginning of the year, takes away our power as consumers. The University asks us to trust them with our dollar, but they then betray this trust over and over again. If we as students don't like it, we can't boycott J Street, because leftover meals are simply forgotten at the end of each week, and we forfeit any remaining points at the end of the school year.

Paul Krouse, the Dining Services general manager, commented in last Thursday's article ("DSC fights 'unfair' treatment," The GW Hatchet, Oct. 10, p. 1), that the students' complaints are too vague. This asinine comment begs the question: Have you, Mr.

Krouse, ever eaten at J Street? What do you think of the quality? What do you think of the pricing? What do you think of the service? What do you think of the inflexibility of the meal plans that are seemingly meant to milk every last cent out of GW students?

Admittedly, J Street is a better facility than what students had in years past, but if you care about those you serve, then improvement doesn't just stop. Mr. Krouse and company need to establish exceedingly strict quality standards, just like any other restaurant, and constantly police those standards. Mr. Krouse and company need to learn the difference between barely meeting students' needs and going beyond the call of duty to exceed those needs. Therein, it seems to me, lies the difference between mediocrity and excellence.

—Joshua Barbour  
sophomore



# OPINION

## Big government isn't as bad as the GOP would like to think

The debate about the role of government has intensified during the past four years. In the first presidential debate, GOP candidate Robert J. Dole described the difference between his view of government and that of President Clinton's: "I think the basic difference is, I trust the people. The President trusts the government."

Republicans have been saying for years that the source of our national problems is the bloated, inefficient government. Is this true? Is the federal government an unproductive bureaucracy? Or is it an organization that needs fine-tuning, but can give people the tools they need to be successful in the 21st century?

Traditionally, the debate over the role of government is divided into two categories: liberals who want more spending and a larger government and conservatives who want to shrink the size and power of the institution. Recently this traditional division in views has somewhat ended.

Majorities in both political parties agree to cutting spending to form a leaner and less bureaucratic government. With this current trend of scapegoating the country's problems on the federal government, the beneficial things the federal government does are overlooked. There are plenty of things that the federal government provides that are creating a better America.

First, without college loans and grants many students would not be able to afford a good education. College loans, most of which are funded by the federal government, build the foundation of the American dream. College loans and grants prevent the formation of elitist student bodies in universities around the country. In short, without college loans too many Americans would not be able to get a good education, eventually creating a futile future for the U.S. economy.

In addition, the federal government assures that Americans are living in an environmentally sound country. The Clean Water Act of 1972 makes it illegal for corporations to dump raw sewage into water channels. Such legislation ensures that Americans can swim in their lakes and rivers without the threat of getting sick. The Clean Water Act is an example of how it is sometimes necessary for

government agencies to get involved and make sure that corporate America is not misusing public land.

Furthermore, all Americans want to be assured that the products they are buying are harmless. This is why the federal government created the Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1972. The CPSC is responsible for making sure consumer products do not endanger our safety. We need the CPSC to make sure consumer products are safe, because corporate America will not do it on its own. More than 21,000 deaths a year are due to consumer product failure, and if it were not for the creation of the CPSC, that figure would be much higher. Many corporations have praised this commission, saying it saves them time and energy to figure out the danger of their products. Every American has the

right to be safe, and if that means the CPSC has to do the work, so be it.

Finally, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 is another example of productive government. The Family and Medical Leave Act was signed by President Clinton to ensure that parents could spend time with their child or other family members. This bill provides for people to be able to take up to a 12-week unpaid leave without the threat of being fired. This legislation is helping families cope with adversity.

College loans, the Clean Water Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Family and Medical Leave Act are all examples of what the government does well. It is all too often forgotten in the modern days of political cynicism that the government is not always destructive, that it can help to make all of our lives much safer.

There are many programs in the government that are too wasteful and bureaucratic, and yes, they should be reduced or eliminated. This is why President Clinton appointed Vice President Gore to the task of streamlining the government in 1993. The National Performance Review has saved the government \$58 billion since 1993. So the next time you hear someone complaining about big government, just remember that the government can help and provide the tools we all need for the 21st century.

—Thomas Berry is a sophomore majoring in political science.

Thomas  
Berry

## Housekeeper goes extra mile to replace student's property

A few weeks ago, I returned to my room at Fulbright Hall to find my headphones torn at the connecting end. I immediately asked my roommate if he knew anything about it, and he told me that the housekeeper, "Ms. Evelyn," had accidentally vacuumed the headphones lying near the rug next to my bed. I could understand how the black cord could go unnoticed on top of my dark blue rug, and I knew Ms. Evelyn had not damaged my property intentionally. Yet the question of how my headphones were going to be replaced remained.

The next morning I received a wake-up call from Ms. Evelyn. She politely introduced herself and asked if I could bring the headphones down to her in the housekeeping office so she could purchase a similar pair that evening. By contacting me so promptly and speaking so courteously, she at once impressed me with her willingness to quickly fix the situation.

As I was about to hand her the broken headphones when we met, I decided to ask the Fulbright Hall office if GW compensates residents

for minor damage done by University employees. I asked Ms. Evelyn if she would not mind me trying, and we arranged a time to meet later.

I found the resident director and inquired if GW could aid in the cost of the headphones (around \$30). It seems only fair to me that

Dileep  
Rajan

some kind of policy should exist in which small accidents caused by University employees would be covered completely or in part, and not placed entirely on the pockets of the not-so-wealthy workers. Our housekeeping staff is a luxury most schools, no matter how exclusive or expensive, do not provide for their students. I think very often on-campus students tend to accept the fact that their rooms are cleaned once every week without any consideration for how difficult the work is — a kind of work that we are guaranteed distance from by virtue of our status as college students.

The RD sympathized with my efforts to help Ms. Evelyn but said no such policy existed. Later, when I found Ms. Evelyn, I gave her the headphones and thanked her for her responsiveness and genuine interest in the matter. She then told me that she sincerely appreciated my efforts to help her. She said she would buy a similar pair of headphones that evening and would deliver them the next morning. When we met again, Ms. Evelyn was concerned if I would accept the new but different kind of headphones; incidentally, they were headphones of a better quality than the kind I owned previously.

After reflecting for several days, I decided to write to praise Ms. Evelyn's attitude toward her work and toward others — and to praise the other members of GW's housekeeping staff who share her positive attitude. And I decided to write to express my appreciation for their work; a type of work students at GW may never fully understand, but can at least respect.

—Dileep Rajan is a sophomore majoring in biology.

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What: Application, personal statement, two recommendations, and intern request form (if desired).

##### 2. Pre-departure orientation

When: December 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
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What: This meeting is MANDATORY for all Madrid Study Center Spring '97 participants. If you cannot make this meeting, you must call 994-1649.

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When: October 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Where: Stuart Hall, 103 (the Commons)  
What: This is a MANDATORY meeting for all spring '97 study abroad participants currently receiving financial assistance. If you cannot make this meeting, call 994-1649.

##### 2. Deadline for Memorandum of Agreement

When: November 8, 5:00 p.m.  
Where: Stuart Hall, 104  
What: This Memorandum is necessary to be registered for continuous enrollment while abroad and to obtain course credit approvals for transfer of credit to GW.

##### 3. Pre-departure Orientation (PDO)

When: December 3, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Where: Fungler Hall 108  
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# GW lays cornerstone for new residence hall

## Mason receives GW Medal in traditional ceremony

BY MATT BERGER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The cornerstone for the University's new residence hall was laid this weekend in a traditional ceremony that was reminiscent of a ritual George Washington himself participated in.

"The President's Medal represents a 72-year relationship between the University and the Scottish Rite," said the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, C. Fred Kleinknecht.

Kleinknecht received the

University's President's Medal, the highest honor a GW president can bestow.

GW faculty, staff, students and families watched as the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia Free and Accepted Masons performed the traditional ceremony.

"In the last eight years, the

friendship between the University and the Masons has accelerated," said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who is a member of the Scottish Rite. "This ceremony is a way of cementing that friendship."

The ceremony included a complete inspection of the cornerstone and the spreading of the symbolic corn, wine and oil. The service was conducted under the direction of William Chaney, grand master of the D.C. Masons.

"It has been a pleasure and honor to be here to conduct a ceremony that has come down the ages," Chaney said. Chaney traced the heritage of the Masons to King Solomon of biblical times.

George Washington, who was a Mason, performed a similar cornerstone laying for The White House and the U.S. Capitol. In fact, the actual trowel and gavel used by Washington were on display Saturday.

The Scottish Rite gives several scholarships to GW students. Britta Jensen, who received a half-

tuition scholarship, spoke at the ceremony.

"Thank you for what you have done for me and this University," said Jensen, whose father was a Mason. The scholarship was the reason she was able to attend GW, she said.

The residence hall, although still unnamed, is being completed on schedule. Displays were set up to show people the plan for the building and its furnishings. The residence hall, at 2350 H Street, is the first one to be built at GW in more than 60 years.

"I'm very happy to see the project ahead of schedule and going well," Student Association President Damian McKenna said.

"It looks marvelous," said Stella Uzogara, a GW parent from Lexington, Mass. "I would like to live there."

In commemoration of the event, hard hats were given out to guests. Cookies in the shape of a bust of George Washington, chocolates and paperweights with the cornerstone inscription also were passed out.

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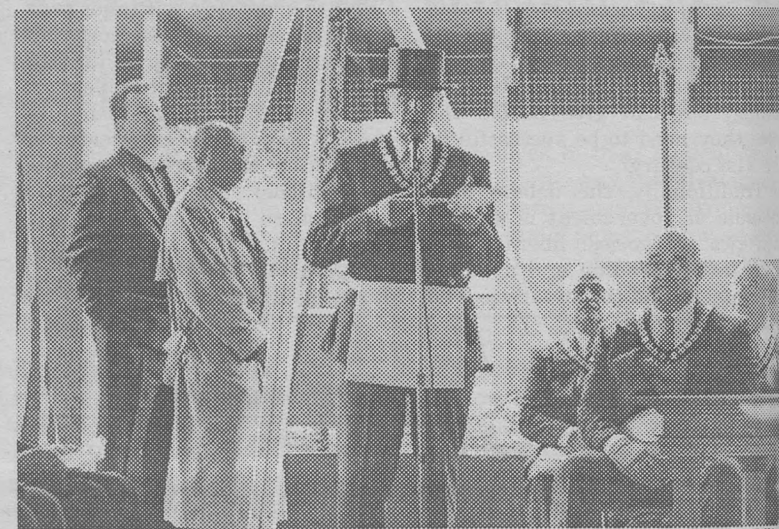
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# SA cleans out old tests in test file, offers prizes

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ  
HATCHET REPORTER

"Out with the old, in with the new" was the Student Association's motto as it recently took on the challenge of cleaning out the SA's test file.

The file, available to all GW students, contains past exams from a number of professors for use as study guides.

Faced with an overflowing file of old exams from professors who no longer teach at the University, the SA decided to update the file. This task was headed by SA Vice President of Academic Affairs David Petron and his assistant, Elizabeth Elliot.

"We went through folder by folder attempting to eliminate tests older than 1993," Petron said.

Clearing out the files, the SA found tests dating back to the 1960s, and Petron said he believed the file had not been cleaned since that time. The oldest test in the file was a Russian test from 1964.

"Updating should be an ongoing process if the file is to be useful to students," Petron added.

Elliot said she hopes that after

eliminating the old tests, students will replenish the supply with recent exams.

In an attempt to keep the file as updated as possible, the SA is holding a "Test Drive" from now until Nov. 1. The SA is encouraging students as well as professors to donate exams to fill the file.

Petron and Elliot stressed the importance of the test file to students and the need for students to give back to the program. In an attempt to make the test drive a success, the SA will offer the two students who bring in the most tests at a given time a \$50 gift certificate to the Pentagon City shopping mall.

Petron said many students are unaware of the test file service.

"I had no idea that our professors' old exams were available to use as a reference," freshman Shanna Smiley said.

Petron added that he hopes more students will become aware of the test file and will be able to make use of it in the upcoming year.

"The test file is a large commune available for everyone to use, if everyone is also willing to contribute," Petron said.

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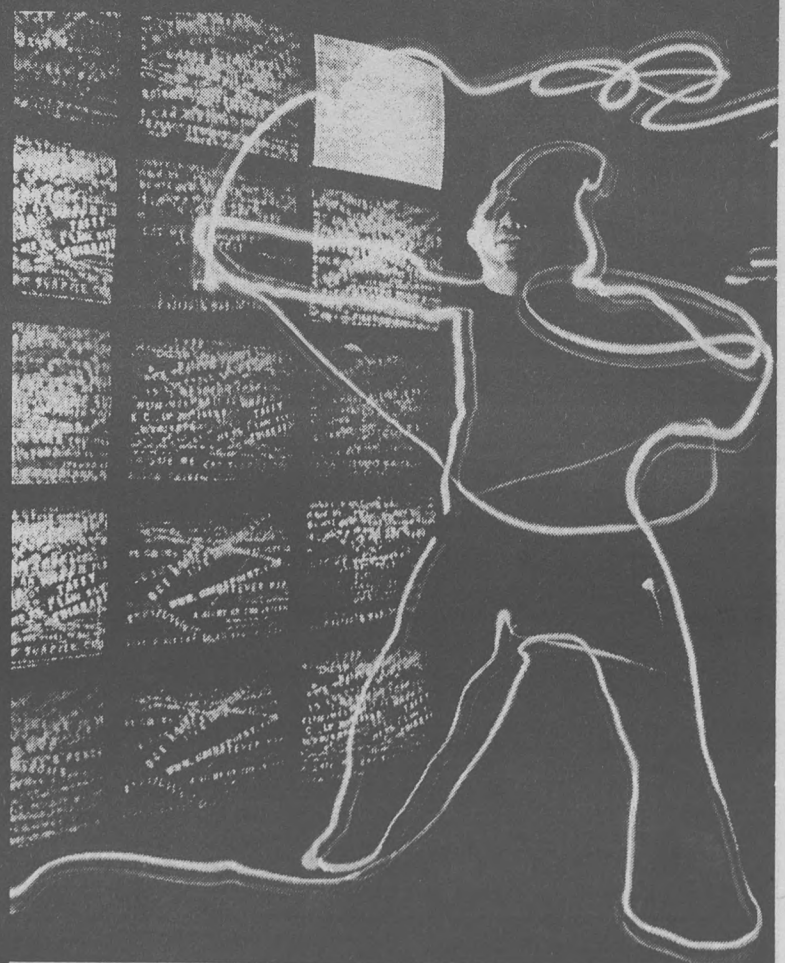


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BY MONIQUE L. HARDING  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The code, which was implemented at the start of the semester, was created by the Student Association and was passed by the Board of Trustees in May 1995. The SA then turned it over to the Council of Academic Integrity, which has oversight and enforces it, said David

The University designed the artwork for the Code of Academic Integrity posters – which are hung in every residence hall. In addition, brochures will be mailed to every

The GW guide to student rights and responsibilities has changed the "University Policy on Academic Dishonesty" to the "Code of Academic Integrity." A copy of the code can be found in GW planners as well.

"The University purchased (the books) through the bookstore," said

The Office of Academic Integrity  
is in Building AC, 2002 G St., N.W.

### GWU Program Board

**An all day memorial will be held on Oct. 24th  
on the H Street Terrace**



# Admissions catches prospectives in Web

## GW Internet site features on-line application

BY MATT BERGER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The GW Admissions Office has created a new World Wide Web page that features complex graphics and the chance to apply to GW on-line.

"It was one of the goals I had a year ago, to look at how technology could help us in the admissions process," said Fred Siegel, executive director of enrollment management and admissions.

"We wanted our site to be an experience, not just a list of information," said Marie Condron, assistant director of student and academic support services communication. She designed the Web page for the admissions office.

"We looked at what else is out there, and came up with something totally different," Condron said.

The site features several images, including an animated picture of Student Association President Damian McKenna throwing his graduation cap.

One dimension of the site is the chance for people to complete the first part of the application for admission on-line. Applicants are

then told how to mail application fees, and are set to receive the second part of the application.

Already, more than 175 students have applied on-line.

"We had our first application the day it went up," Condron said. In fact, 20 applications were sent in the first two days, she added.

In addition, prospective students can request GW information from the page. Completing the form puts students on the mailing list, and they have the opportunity to request specific literature as well.

Siegel gave credit to Condron, who graduated from GW in May. "She's done a fabulous job and deserves a ton of credit. She's very talented," Siegel said.

In order to get interested students to the page, the admissions offices sent thousands of postcards out to students on its mailing list.

"We really think students will be ready for this type of a communications vehicle," Siegel said. "It's a piece of the larger picture, but it's a fun piece."

The site is popular, with more than 2,000 visits since it opened Oct. 1. It can be reached at <http://www.gwu.edu/~go2gw>.

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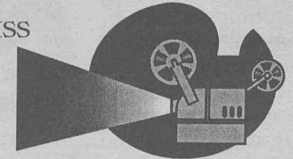
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Sunday, Oct. 20



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Rose Garden, 9:00p.m.  
by Program Board, SAPC, & ISS



Monday, Oct. 21

Information Table  
in the Marvin Center  
11:00-1:00p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

"Walking the Line"  
Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, 7-8:30p.m.  
by Thurston Hall, Adams Hall, UPD, & MPD

"The Morning After the Night Before"  
Crawford Hall Lounge, 9:00p.m.  
Open discussion with Aids & Alcohol/Drug  
Peer Educators and Crawford Hall Residents

Wednesday, Oct. 23



"What To Know When a Friend is in Need..."  
an open discussion for students concerned about friends  
or what to do when friends drink or use too much,  
by the Counseling Center  
12-1:00p.m., Marvin Center 401  
\*Feel free to bring your lunch!

Thursday, Oct. 24



"When Parents Use..."  
a 1 1/2 hour workshop for students who are concerned  
about parent's alcohol abuse or alcoholism,  
by the Counseling Center  
12-1:15p.m., Marvin Center 401  
\*Feel free to bring your lunch!

Student Issues Awareness Night: Alcohol & Date Rape  
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## Writer's lecture inspires Trekkie's deep thoughts

BY KRISTIAN HOUSE  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

I attended a lecture Friday by Sandy Fries, a former staff writer for the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series, sponsored by First Class, a continuing education center in Washington, D.C.

Fries also has written for "The Smurfs," "Fame," "Different Strokes" and "Thundercats," and I was looking forward to hearing about his experiences writing for television.

But something got in the way. I learned that while I watch Star Trek for entertainment, some others watch it in search of the deeper meanings of life.

Fries promised the prize of a signed script and a piece of the U.S.S. Enterprise's carpet for the most thought-provoking question. He must have had a difficult time selecting the winner, because the questions were definitely thought-provoking. The thoughts they were provoking in me weren't about Star Trek, though. I was thinking the people asking them needed to get a life.

I didn't ask Fries if Freudian motives were behind Gargamel's obsession to catch the Smurfs for fear that he might have thought I was looking a little too deep into the Smurf world of mushroom houses and Smurf Berries.

That fear didn't stop a young woman sitting in the front from asking a question about her theory on the Star Trek Federation.

She said she wondered why every alien in the galaxy spoke the

English language. Was it possible, she asked, that the writers purposefully did this to insinuate that the Federation is a lot like old, imperial England, and goes around forcing its language on other cultures? Were the writers voicing some political agenda? Were they telling the millions of Star Trek viewers that English is the only true language?

Fries told her the aliens spoke English so the audience could understand them. I don't think she believed him.

But her question got me thinking that maybe there are some important intellectual issues in the Star Trek shows. Just maybe ....

Maybe Deanna the psychic, who was always available to give advice on board the Enterprise, is some indication that Dionne Warwick and her Psychic Friends will play a bigger part in the future than we are willing to believe.

Maybe Worf the Klingon's forehead bumps are a map of ancient civilizations on Mars.

Maybe Q, the omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient guy, symbolizes man's insatiable need to talk to God.

Maybe the Stardate numbers are secret codes to Lebanese nationalists waiting for the "go-ahead" signal to erect their own statue of Michael Jackson.

Maybe there's another secret code in the ship's name - Enterprise. So far, I've gotten "Ten Seer R.I.P."

Or maybe I'm just blowing things a little out of proportion.

## Older, balder Bob Mould talks on bands breaking up

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

It's a surreal experience to talk one-on-one to one of your heroes. That's the way I felt when I spoke with Bob Mould while he was in town for his acoustic performance at The 9:30 Club Oct. 10.

Mould is slimmer and has a few less hairs than he did 16 years ago when he started his first successful band, Hüsker Dü. He said he is comfortable with the stage of life he is in now, having just broken up with his most recent band, Sugar.

He said his solo tour has been flexible, but tiring nonetheless. "I'm not complaining, just recovering (from lack of sleep). You know, the wonders of self-employment."

Mould said ending Sugar was easy. "It was difficult to keep it going after David (Barbe) and I sort of knew it was over, which was in mid-October 1994."

He said Sugar was never meant to be a band that stayed together. "For whatever reason, I thought it would be neat to give it a name and sort of a face of democracy. And everyone was contributing, but essentially, truth be told, the set-up was no different from *Workbook* (Virgin) or *Black Sheets of Rain* (Virgin)."

The demise of Hüsker Dü also came up, specifically Mould's relationship with co-songwriter Grant Hart.

"Grant and I have talked sporadically for the past nine years. I don't talk about it much because it invokes that reunion thing. We were in a band together for nine years. We know the way we used to be all too well and we don't really have a clue as to who we are nine years later."

Mould sucked down cigarettes and mineral water as he talked about his recent activities.

"This year has been cool just not scheduling a lot of things. (Opening for) Pete Townsend just sort of happened because I didn't have anything scheduled. So did mixing the Vic Chesnutt album."

"This year has been sort of nice. I made (*Bob Mould*, on Rykodisk) last fall, and I really just wanted to make it for myself. When the time came to put it out, I didn't want to jump through hoops again with promotion. I'm really just not interested right now. It can all be such bullshit. Sooner or later it will catch up again ... where I'll want to get my songs played on the radio, but right now it's just ridiculous."

Mould mentioned that he is moving from his home in Austin, Texas, back to New York because he misses the city. "Up in Midtown, on the east side, it's a lot of

families, a lot of pets, a lot of neighborhood-type stuff. I just bought a place there.

"I spent three-plus years in Austin and I miss the east coast. Summers in Austin are brutal and really Austin is sort of an oasis in that part of the country. If you live in D.C., you can go up to Baltimore to see a ball game, or drive to Philly. In Austin, what are you going to do? Go to Dallas," Mould chuckled.

The conversation rolled around to Mould's sexual orientation, and how it plays out in songs like "If I Can Change Your Mind."

"Well, I just sort of consider that a love song. I've never felt particularly misunderstood by straight people nor victimized by straight culture. I don't have time for that, it's too negative."

"I don't identify a lot with the gay agenda .... I support the community in a very private way. I do what I do, and I treat people gay, straight, whatever, all the same. I treat people the way I want to be treated, and if I don't get treated that way, then it's the end of communication."

"Life is too short, and I don't like segregation in any way. I would rather assimilate and then people might say 'Oh, you're gay, cool' and then they'll say 'Well, I know Bob and he's gay, so gay people are cool.'"

Beside sexual orientation, another topic often found in Mould's music is religion. Mould said he was brought up Catholic. "Who amongst us wasn't? If they only knew how many of us they were cranking out," he said, laughing.

He continued on a more serious note. "I would hope everyone is religious in some way, but I don't think that going to a building once a week after beating your wife and kids and putting \$50 in a collection plate will make it all better. (Religion) is a very personal thing. People can be religious about art, or about reading. All those things can be spiritual, they're things that uplift us and keep us going each day. People find religious moments in any number of icons."

Mould talked about how religion plays a role in his own life. "I had stretches toward the end of last year where I felt that my faith was being incredibly tested, and I was very uncomfortable with it at first. I kept asking myself, 'Why do I feel like I'm being challenged?' And then I just got at peace with myself."

Mould's peaceful feeling should remain, because the future for him has never looked brighter. He said he will stay active in music in the upcoming years, but perhaps maintain a lower profile. One thing is for sure, he will consistently remain in the hearts of his fans.

## WRGW's Top 20 CDs

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2.	A Tribe Called Quest	Beats, Rhymes & Life (Jive)
3.	Ignite	Past Our Means (Revelation)
4.	Sublime	Sublime (Gasoline Alley)
5.	The Roots	Illadelph Life (DGC)
6.	Weston	Got Beat Up (Go Kart)
7.	Jeremy Enigk	The Return Of the ... (Sup Pop)
8.	The Delta 72	The R & B of... (Touch & Go)
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12.	The Cardigans	First Band On the... (Mercury)
13.	Damnation A.D.	Misericordia (Jade Tree)
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for the week ending 10/18

## A Tribe Called Quest shows political awareness at show

BY ELI COHEN  
HATCHET REPORTER

A Tribe Called Quest brought the house down "the paths of rhythm" at the Capitol Ballroom Oct. 6, as the group released all the "beats, rhymes and life" it had inside.

The trio of Q-Tip, Phife-Dog and Ali Shaheed Muhammad mixed it up, revealing the talent they have displayed since the release of their first album in 1990, *People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm* (Jive). The group has now released three albums since then, *The Low End Theory* (Jive), *Midnight Marauders* (Jive) and the latest this past August, entitled *Beats, Rhymes and Life* (Jive).

The Tribe delivered cuts from

each album, pumping the crowd up with numbers such as "The Hop" and "Can I Kick It?" and bringing it back down again with "Electric Relaxation" and "Bonita Applebum."

Q-Tip and Phife also took a few moments out of their hip-hop set to remark on a few topics important to them. Tip asked the audience for a moment of silence in recognition of the recent death of gangsta rapper Tupac Shakur. He said even though Shakur may have chosen a lifestyle foreign to many, he made much progress as a black artist, paving the way for future generations.

Later in the set, Q-Tip called for an end to rhetoric in politics, urging politicians to focus on pertinent issues. "Politicians, stop talkin' pol-

itics," he said. The Tribe also applauded the diversity of the crowd at the show, pleading for interracial peace and equality.

Despite the funky, base-laced beats, motivated hip-hop lyrics, social and political commentary and immensely upbeat stage presence, the Tribe still managed to disappoint the crowd by playing only 50 minutes.

The night opened with three bands, beginning with Belizabehah, a group composed of University of Vermont grads. Belizabehah started off on a good note, but also was guilty of playing too short a set. Following them was a confused and incoherent 3 LG, and then the somewhat out-of-place experimental jazz group Medeski, Martin and Wood.



## SPOTLIGHT

## GW alumnus pens 2 novels

Jay Finkelstein  
bases mysteries  
on Egyptian tripBY EMILY PHELPS  
HATCHET REPORTER

It all started with a sentence. GW alumnus Jay Finkelstein, who recently visited Egypt, sat down one day and wrote, "Dr. Haddi came into my life as did nearly everyone I met in Cairo, through the great conspiracy."

He thought it sounded interesting, so he wrote a one-page essay. At the end, he was curious to see where it would go. He took some time off work, and for the next year of his life, Finkelstein devoted all his time to developing his essay.

When the dust cleared, he had *The Cairo Conspiracy*, a mystery novel.

"I had the greatest time. It was the most interesting year of my life — the hardest work I ever did and the most rewarding," he said.

After writing the book, it was time to find a publisher. Jay took the book to publishers in Israel, where he was living at the time. He said a few expressed interest in publishing it, but they told him the book should be published in America because that is where the market for the mystery genre is.

Even though he couldn't find a publisher immediately, Finkelstein decided to write another book.

"I had such a great time, 'wouldn't it be great if this could be my job,'" he said he thought at the time.

For his next book, he read mysteries in an effort to study the structure of a typical mystery story. The book took three years to write, and after finishing *Idle Gossip*, he returned to the United States to start looking for a publisher. People liked the book, but competition is "not so easy," he said.

So he had given up and started other work when he met a woman at a party who worked for a publishing company. He told her of his book and gave her a copy to read. She was not an editor, but she liked the book so much that she told him she would give it to an editor.

Ten months later, Finkelstein said a call came from an editor who was interested in publishing the book. The editor heard he had a second book and was interested in making a two-book deal. The title of *The Cairo Conspiracy* was changed to *See No Evil*, and Finkelstein finally had a publishing contract.

## The GW Years

It was during a book tour that Finkelstein, a 1978 GW graduate, visited his old campus. He had a book signing in the GW Bookstore as well as a discussion with a creative writing class on Oct. 10.

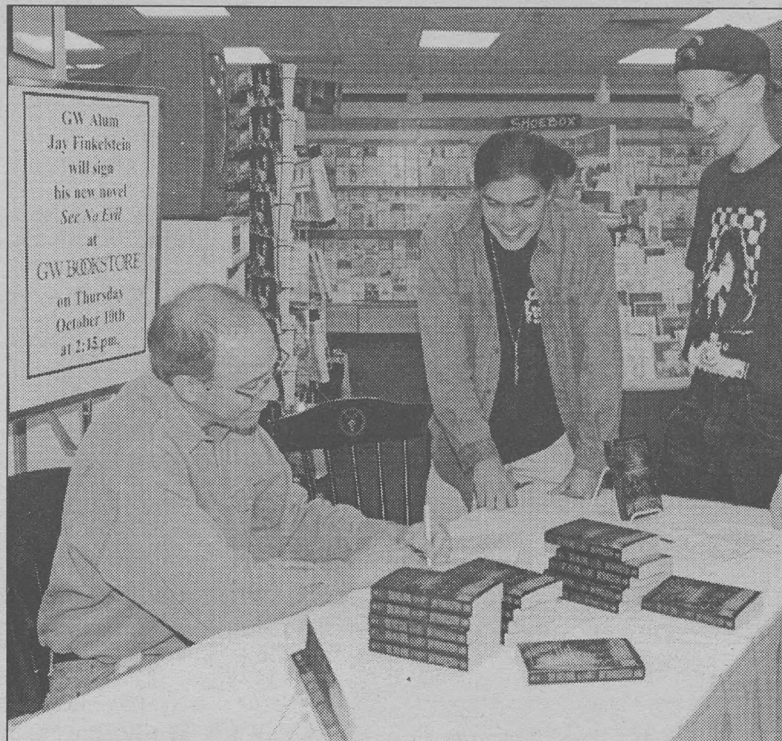
While at GW, Finkelstein majored in public affairs, an interdisciplinary study that merged economics and political science. After graduation, he went on to complete his master's degree in public affairs at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

"GW was really my first time I was away from home, and I guess that was the beginning of a certain kind of growth and exposure to different ideas," he said.

Finkelstein described the atmosphere of GW during his undergraduate career as "cynical."

"They had voted to disband student government," he said. "It was a very cynical time ... Nixon had just resigned as president. They didn't have the Smith Center, they had just built it. The (basketball) team wasn't very good. I think our biggest thing was they beat Maryland in one regular season game."

Finkelstein has traveled extensively through



Alumnus Jay Finkelstein signs copies of his first book, *See No Evil*, at the GW Bookstore Oct. 10.

Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Europe and the Middle East. The first time he traveled to Israel was after his freshman year at GW. He went with a friend who had been to Israel the year before, but his friend did not make it through customs.

"So now," he said, "I'm in a foreign country, I don't speak the language, I don't know anybody, I have no plans. What are you going to do?"

Somehow, he said, he made it.

"You throw yourself into these situations and you find resources that you didn't know existed before," he explained. "That's part of what happens in this book."

## See No Evil

When asked about *See No Evil*, Finkelstein said, "I wasn't writing (the book) as a lighthearted mystery or something like that. I was just being as honest with myself as I possibly could on a number of different issues."

He said the book is about identity.

"It's like any trip novel," he explained. "At the beginning the person is searching and in the end he sort of finds what he's looking for, in terms of his Jewish identity — that's one theme of the book."

Finkelstein described his book as "more of a comedy" than a mystery novel.

*Idle Gossip*, his second novel, is centered around the same main character, Leo Gold. He said it will probably be in stores next September.

Finkelstein said he spends part of his week working as a technical writer for NYNEX, a telecommunications company in New York City. He also has been traveling around the east coast and in the midwest to promote his book.

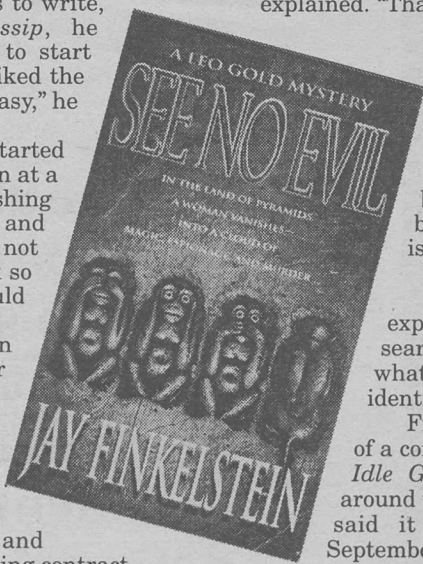
He has held signings in bookstores in Norfolk, Va., Bethesda, Md., and New York City. Next weekend, he said he will attend Magna Cum Murder, a mystery writers' workshop in Muncie, Ind.

*See No Evil* is, in a word, wonderful. The plot and characters create a rich and web-like plot. One never knows what to expect next, but it is always well within the realm of possibility for the story's progression. Finkelstein's use of description and phrasing helps readers feel as if they are in the streets of Cairo.

The most notable thing about the book, however, is dialogue. Too often mystery books are much too serious. But in this story we have Gold's witty thoughts and observations to keep us entertained while we are being intrigued.

*See No Evil* maintains mystery but does not forget its sense of humor, a valuable quality and important talent for an author to possess.

As for the grand conspiracy, you'll have to read the book.

Embassy suspected  
senior of terrorismBY ERIN McLAUGHLIN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Mohammed Timilali had no idea he would ever be under suspicion of being an international terrorist.

The 24-year-old GW senior was attempting to come back to Washington, D.C., for school from Africa in August when he ran into such problems.

Timilali, a native of Algeria, left Washington in July to visit his parents, who were vacationing in Guinea, a nation on the west coast of Africa. He'd been there about three weeks, but was having trouble finding an airline ticket back to the United States.

During this time, he traveled to the small west African state of Benin for a funeral. He bought an airline ticket there to return to the United States on Aug. 12. While doing this, though, he was surprised to learn he would need a visa.

Timilali said he was told by GW's International Student Services Office that he would not need a visa, just his I-20 form from the University, to return to the United States.

"I don't want to blame them (ISS), although I know that is what they told me," he said.

However, Judith Green, director of the ISS office at GW, denied that anyone from her office gave Timilali misinformation.

"It is impossible that a person would tell a student that he does not need a visa to come into the U.S.," Green said.

She added that the only exception to the rule would be for a Canadian student. And in every case, an international student will need the I-20 form, as well.

An I-20 form is what all colleges send to international students who have enrolled for school in the United States. Green explained that the form authorizes students to obtain an F1 student visa.

When students leave their country to come to school, the visa and the I-20 form need to be

shown at the airport. Timilali's original student visa, which he obtained in 1994 in England while a student at Richmond College, had expired.

Because Timilali didn't have a student visa, he went to the American embassy in Benin to try to obtain one. But he said the woman at the embassy denied his request.

"She said she was denying the visa because I didn't have any strong ties to the country and needed to be a citizen there," Timilali said.

He also alleged that the woman at the embassy then said she was going to forward his name to the United States to ensure that he was not on a list of international terrorists. Timilali said nothing ever came of this, though.

Green explained that a third party country usually looks at visa requests with special scrutiny.

"To get a visa from a third country is much harder than getting a visa from one's home country," she said.

Timilali said he then went to the American embassy in Niger, just north of Benin.

"They gave me the visa," Timilali said with relief.

However, because of the delay, Timilali did not return to GW until Sept. 16. Once back, he realized he'd been shut out of his electrical engineering senior seminar, a two-

semester class he will have to take next year. This pushes his graduation up to May 1998.

Timilali only was able to register for nine credits, and technically he needs 12 in order to keep his I-20 form valid. He said he is requesting a an exemption that would allow him to keep the I-20 with a reduced course load.

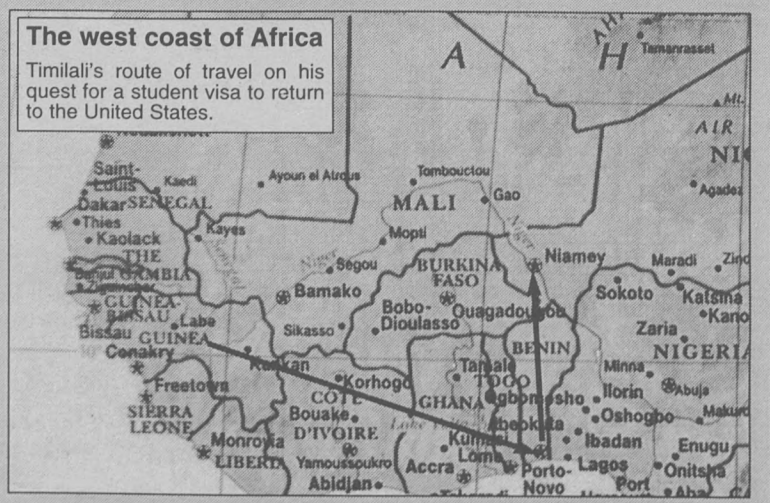
"Otherwise I'll be denied — canceled — and I'll be illegal," he said.

He said his case is still pending with the ISS office. Green said she was not familiar with Timilali's case.



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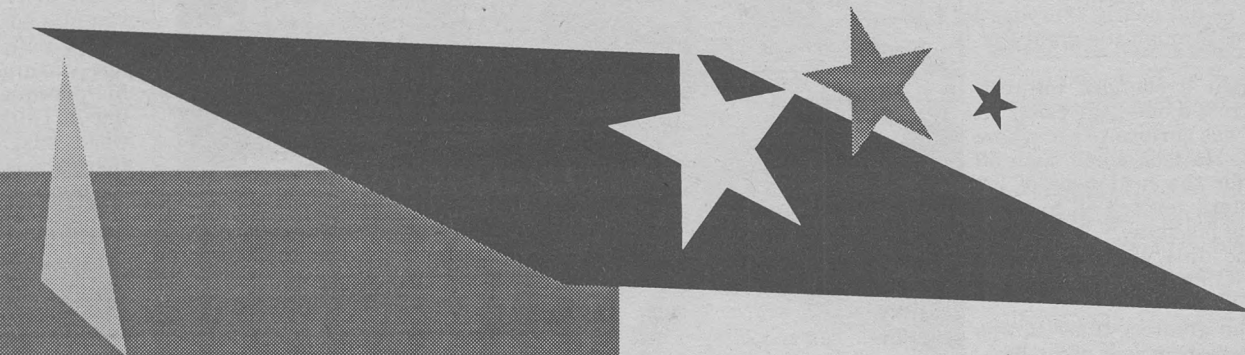
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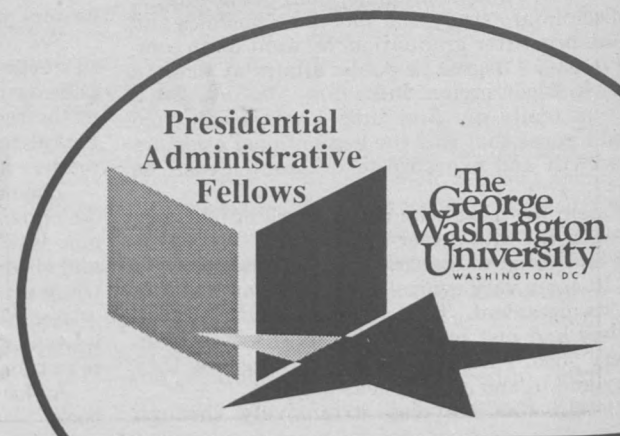


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# Falling buildings reflect Mount Vernon morale

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human development major.

"I hope GW puts Mount Vernon on the map," Andrews added.

Mount Vernon's student to faculty ratio is 11-1, and a year of tuition, fees, room and board costs about \$22,000, according to the *Peterson's Guide to Four Year Colleges '97*. The school was founded in 1875.

"I love Mount Vernon," Andrews said. She said professors often teach at Mount Vernon rather than taking higher paying professorships at more prestigious institutions because they believe in the school and the students.

"I could call any of my professors right now," Andrews said.

Students have "learned a lot from each other" while the school's future seemed insecure, Amini said. "There's a great feeling of unity and sisterhood. GW women should be very supportive of this college that helps women overcome notions of 'inferiority.'"

Maintenance problems lie under Mount Vernon's picturesque visage. Cracking paint marks the outside of some buildings, and missing tiles leave bare black squares in academic buildings. The single science lab on campus has broken windows, uncovered and open to the outside.

"Lights are dangling off the ceiling and the bathrooms are like jail," Andrews said, pointing to a mildewy communal shower. "The gym is corroded" and its roof leaks, she added.

Andrews said Mount Vernon students were told affiliation with GW would bring a "measurable difference in maintenance and food service before Christmas" and would not affect the cost of a Mount Vernon education.

However, upkeep problems are less important than lacking academic resources, Andrews said, citing no Internet access, a library still indexed on card catalog, limited computer lab hours and "very limited classes."

"I hope GW can help us, but I understand things don't happen overnight," she said.

Andrews and Amini both hoped they would have extensive access to GW resources, especially athletic facilities, the ability to register for classes at GW without going through the consortium and use of GW food services.

"Now you guys (GW) have our land. You can offer us a better education," Andrews said, adding that anything less would be like taking someone into a home, but not letting them in the family room.

Amini said she wants GW's name on her diploma along with Mount Vernon's when she graduates in the spring. She said that if GW eventually absorbs Mount Vernon outright, she does not want a degree from a school that no longer exists.

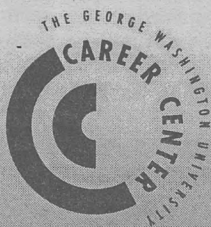
Mount Vernon hopefully will keep its distinct identity, Andrews said, although she added that she could imagine GW taking it over entirely.

"Single-sex schools are just not popular like they used to be," Andrews said.

"A lot of students are worried. They don't want to go to GW, they came to Mount Vernon. They don't want to be one in thousands," said junior Khalilah Burks, secretary of the Mount Vernon student government.

Junior interior design major Julie Lamberti, sitting in one of two functioning design studios - a third is being refurbished because the tile floor was peeling off - said Mount Vernon's affiliation with GW is "great." "Mount Vernon needed a boost," Lamberti added.

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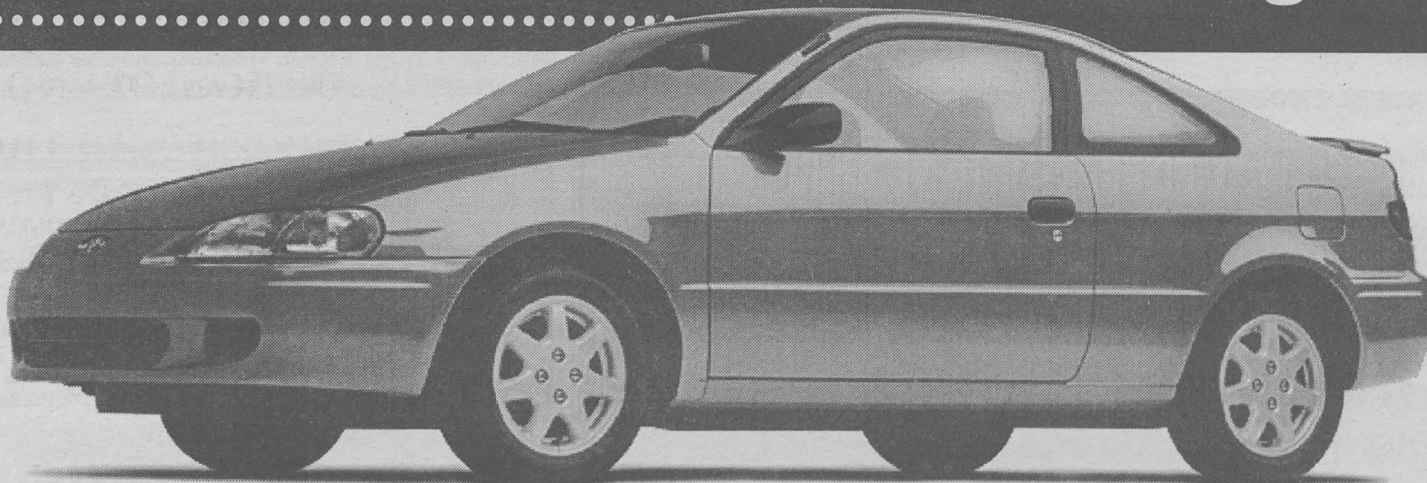
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# Residents, students put demands on Evans

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impose on the community what I feel is right."

He's been at the forefront of a variety of legislation impacting GW students' lives, especially the recent changes in the parking law. On June 19, Evans tacked on an amendment removing reciprocal parking stickers for Georgetown and Foggy Bottom to the D.C.

Budget Support Act. The new law went into effect Oct. 1.

"There are tremendous parking problems in Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom and Georgetown. Dupont Circle is impacted most of all. I used to live there, and there were times you couldn't even find an illegal spot .... We're trying to make it harder to have a car here by making it more expensive. If you're a

student, you have to register your car here."

The fact that Evans has tried to limit or ban student parking is not entirely what has gotten students up in arms. His methods have drawn sharp student criticism as well. Evans introduced varying forms of the legislation, some measures banning student parking city-wide and others only in Ward

2, at least four times.

The most recent legislation caused considerable concern among students for several reasons, namely that Evans singled out the areas that contain Georgetown and GW, introduced the bill during the summer when it could potentially go unnoticed by students and attached it to emergency budget legislation that had to be passed for the city to stay afloat financially.

Still, Evans defends his legislation, saying he has tried for several years to develop a city-wide parking policy by working with other members of the City Council, most of whom he said really don't care about the issue.

"None of those proposals ever saw the light of day," Evans said. "But I am going to at least deal with the issues within my ward."

There are high hopes for action on this issue. GW Student Association President Damian McKenna said he hopes Evans will address an SA Senate meeting before the end of the year. McKenna said the SA is exploring other parking options, such as a reduced rate for students at Colonial Parking.

"I just disagreed with her ..."

"We agreed to disagree about his parking initiative .... I told him that I had a political role as well, and that my constituents, the students, were not being served by this initiative," Trachtenberg said.

And what about the findings of the D.C. Office of the General Counsel, which said the law "appeared to violate the Equal Protection Clause" of the 14th Amendment?

"I just disagreed with her," Evans responded. "My reading of the Constitution, as a lawyer ... says that you can treat different classes differently and that there's a legitimate basis for this."

However, Evans acknowledged that students may have a legal case against the bill. "It's a colorable argument, a legitimate argument ... it would be an interesting case."

The strained relations between the universities and the permanent residents, Evans said, will only be placated when the two groups are able to find a middle ground where they can "coexist together."

Of particular concern to Evans and many Foggy Bottom residents is the issue of student housing.

Evans also sponsored a bill in the City Council that was defeated, although he still supports it, that would have limited to three the number of unrelated persons living in a house.

Evans praised GW's new residence hall at 24th and H streets as an "excellent idea," but said when students move out of the halls and into Foggy Bottom, housing problems are bound to happen.

"If six students live in a house together, even if they are the best six students at the University, you still have six cars and six people's trash," Evans said. "What we need to ask is how do we police that?"

If students would simply stop acting like students and more like residents, "people wouldn't be so pissed off all the time," Evans said.

## Professor Evans?

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Maria Tyler, who has often taken a strong protective stance for her Foggy Bottom neighborhood, said Evans has tried to represent residents' concerns, but declined to say how popular Evans is in Ward 2.

"I can't say, because I don't know whether the majority is for him or against him, or whether it's 50-50 or what it is," Tyler said. "Lots of people like him and some people don't."

Tyler said Evans' job is complicated by the nature of the City Council, where a majority of seven votes is needed to pass any legislation, as well as the fact that many landlords in the city who Evans also represents don't actually live here, and thus may not share the same concerns as residents.

"Oftentimes, these people don't have the D.C. residents at heart," she said. "It's tough for the community to confront these issues that are really issues with a lot of money behind them."

Evans said dealing with the ANC can be difficult at times and acknowledged that "some commissioners are easier to deal with than others."

Still, Evans defends his votes in the City Council despite criticism from students, and said he has never had, nor will he ever have, an anti-student agenda.

"That is not true, absolutely not true," Evans said. "I'd even like to come down and teach a political science class or two sometime." *The GW Hatchet will examine the role Evans plays in the often backwards politics of the District on Thursday.*

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# Mt. Vernon students happy with GW deal

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make it possible for GW students to register for classes at Mount Vernon through a more streamlined process. The same will be true for MVC students who want to take classes at GW.

While Trachtenberg does not have any official control over Mount Vernon, Bortz is subordinate to him at GW. So Trachtenberg will have some control, at least in an advisory capacity. "Mount Vernon is an autonomous college," he said. "LucyAnn Geiselman is the president. She reports to the Board. (Bortz) serves as the chairman because he is a (GW) vice president. So it is a permeable membrane. There are a variety of checks and balances to make sure

Mount Vernon's culture is protected."

The deal announced last week calls for GW to assume responsibility for a \$6.5 million loan Mount Vernon secured in 1993 from Georgetown University. Trachtenberg also said GW will invest \$1 million a year during the next five years to improve Mount Vernon's campus.

Last week, though, Trachtenberg promised that none of the funds will come from the University's operating budget for the Foggy Bottom campus. He said new resources will provide all of the funding.

"We've been successful in some of our other ventures," he said.

He would not elaborate on the source of the funding, other than to say it was a return on a University investment.

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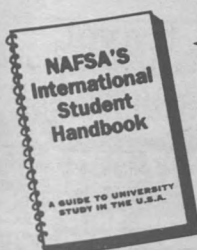
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## Trachtenberg seeks award nominations

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and the chairs of all academic departments within the University are seeking names of students to nominate for USA Today's All-USA Academic Team.

The national newspaper will choose 60 students from across the nation for recognition, and the top 20 students will each receive a \$2,500 award, according to a memorandum circulated by Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Norayr Khatcheressian.

"President Trachtenberg's office is eager that our students be considered for these awards and has asked

that we submit nominations for our most qualified students," Khatcheressian said.

Students must have at least a 3.4 GPA and excel in scholarship and leadership in all aspects of student life. Both domestic and international students who have produced "outstanding, original academic or intellectual work" may apply, Khatcheressian said in the memo.

For information regarding the nomination process, students should consult the chair of their academic department. Applications are due Nov. 30.

-Kevin Eckstrom

# Do This!

October 21-27

GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

"Do This!" submissions are due by Noon on the Wednesday preceding publication or they can be dropped off at Marvin Center 427. We reserve the right to limit each office to three submissions per week.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

EMES, Mincha Minyan. GW Hillil Monday - Thursday, 3:30 PM. Info? Contact Mathew Slatkin at 994-9527.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

AIESEC-GW, General Meeting. Marvin Center 402, 8:30 PM. Info? Contact Suzanne 994-4885.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT, Hutchinson New Compositions Concert, Lisner Auditorium, 7:30 PM. \$5 General; \$3 Faculty, Staff, & Alumni; \$1 Students & Senior Citizens. Info? Contact Jessica at 994-6245.

STUDY ABROAD, Information Session, Stuart Hall 104, 4:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

GW SAILING CLUB, Information Meeting, Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information, 11:00 AM. "Second Step" Advising Session, 2:30 AM. Stuart Hall 104. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

CAREER CENTER, Effective Interviewing Workshop. 4-5:30 PM. Academic Center T-509. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER, Sexual Assault Support Group, 2-3 PM. Graduate Student Support Group, 3-4 PM. ASS, Score Higher on Tests II, 4:10-5:30 PM. 2033 K Street, suite 330. Info? Call 994-5300.

CAREER CENTER, Part Time Employment Workshop, Academic Center T-509, 4-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

EMES, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class, GW Hillel,

2300 H Street, 7:45 PM. Info? Contact Matthew at 994-9527.

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ESIA Brown Bag Lunch. Stuart Hall Commons Room, Noon. Info? Call 994-6435.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL ALLIANCE, Weekly Meeting, Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Sally at 676-2303.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER, Partner Loss Support Group, Counseling Center, 3 PM. Academic Success Series, Score Higher on Tests II, Thurston Piano Lounge, 6:30 PM. Info? Contact Anne at 994-5300.

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## ANC walk-out ruins quorum

(from p. 1)

Once the meeting settled down, representatives extended modified renovation plans of the Luzon building at 2501 Pennsylvania Ave. The proposal changed plans that had been presented for the site. To maintain the residential interests of the committee, the building is

classified as mixed use, allowing for both commercial and residential tenants. The plans change the arrangements of the tenants within the building.

The National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross presented ideas for renovation of its building at 2025 E St., N.W., as well.

Original hopes for a new building were rejected by the committee, which claimed the change would obstruct traffic and sunlight while lowering property value in the area. The new plans presented tentative additions to the existing facade that would add six stories to the four-story frame.

Maddux ended the meeting by mentioning the group's financial problems. With only four members of the committee in attendance, a proposed budget could not be voted on. According to Maddux, this makes it impossible to submit the budget to the District auditor in time to receive funding. Only \$500 remains of last year's allotment, which is not enough to cover photocopies and mailing costs for the remainder of the year, she said.

The absence of commissioner Jean Swift, coupled with Tyler's and Miller's walk-out, changed the status of the meeting to unofficial, which meant all proposals must be presented again when enough members are present to vote.

Audience member and congressional candidate Sprague Simonds voiced concerns to Maddux regarding the committee's intentions.

"You're doing your community a huge disservice, and you should be ashamed of yourself," Simonds said. "You are using this for partisan politics and that's illegal."

Student Association Vice President for Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar expressed similar frustrations with the organization.

"This meeting was a perfect display of how poorly run the ANC is," Golparvar said. "There needs to be a restoration of efficiency and management to the ANC or else it will hurt the GW community and the residents of the Foggy Bottom community as a whole."

All business will have to be reintroduced at the next ANC meeting.

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# SPORTS

## Colonials notch two shutouts GW does not allow a goal in wins over Dayton, Xavier

BY DAVE MANN  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's soccer team kept its head above water in the Atlantic 10 Conference during the weekend, delivering two dominating performances in shutouts against Xavier and Dayton.

The wins improved the Colonials' record to 8-6-1 overall and 3-4-1 in the A-10.

With a record of 3-0-1 in their last four games, GW has stayed afloat in the conference after digging itself into a hole earlier in the season by losing its first four A-10 matches.

"Everyone is starting to work harder," senior defender Ricky Reid said after a 2-0 win over Dayton Sunday. "We know if we lose one more, it's over, so we're giving it our all."

With two more shutouts during the weekend, Colin Berenhaut now has five this season. Keeping Xavier and Dayton off the scoreboard required the freshman goalkeeper to make only four saves, as the rest of the Colonials controlled both matches.

"We've played a lot better in the back," head coach George Lidster said. "We changed our formation and that has obviously helped."

GW has three A-10 matches left and will next play Temple at South Riding Field Friday at 3 p.m.

### GW 2, Dayton 0

Ben Ferry had a goal and an assist Sunday in GW's 2-0 dismantling of Dayton at South Riding Field.

The Colonials controlled play from the beginning, using tight defense to shut down the Dayton attack while outshooting the Flyers 17-5 for the match.

In the ninth minute, Dayton goalkeeper Tim McCarthy collided with one of his own defenders while trying to catch Ferry's free kick. The loose ball rolled to

Ben Hatton, who scored into the vacant net for a 1-0 GW lead.

Ferry's assist on the first goal gave him 10 on the season, which leads the team and is among the top 10 in the nation. The junior midfielder then gave the Colonials a 2-0 lead in the 55th minute. After stealing a Dayton clearing pass, he buried his second goal of the season into the far right hand corner of the goal.

That was all the scoring the Colonials would need, as the GW defense stifled Dayton, not allowing a Flyer shot from closer than the 18-yard mark. Berenhaut was forced to make only two saves, while GW peppered his counterpart McCarthy with shots from all angles. The Dayton goalkeeper finished with 10 saves.

Lidster said he was pleased that his team did not retaliate to Dayton's rough play, particularly late in the second half when the outcome of the game was no longer in question.

"They're a physical team. There was a lot of stuff off the ball," Lidster said. "Earlier in the season we might have retaliated, but today we kept our composure."

### GW 2, Xavier 0

The Colonials scored two goals in the final 10 minutes Friday for their second A-10 win with a victory over Xavier.

GW dominated play, outshooting Xavier 19-6, but was held off the scoreboard until the 80th minute, when Matt Ferry scored off a cross from Andy Drykerman.

Six minutes later, Craig Jones took a pass from freshman Evan Nierman and scored from nine yards out for a 2-0 GW advantage.

The Colonials outshot Xavier 13-2 in the second half without the services of their leading scorer, freshman Sebastian Rodriguez. Rodriguez left the game with a dislocated shoulder and is sidelined indefinitely.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Scott Zmrhal and the Colonials sent the Dayton Flyers airborne Sunday, dominating for a 2-0 victory.

### The Skinny



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

George gets warmed up for what he hopes will be a successful season for the GW basketball teams.

## Blame it on the Macarena: GW hoops is back, baby!

Insanity reigned supreme at the Smith Center Friday night.

The first "Colonial Madness," a.k.a. "The Macarena Strikes Back," took place in front of a surprisingly enthusiastic crowd of students and parents. And you know what? It was a smashing success.

NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE MISTER SPORTS EDITOR! AREN'T YOU THE GUY WHO IS ALWAYS PISSED OFF ABOUT SOMETHING? THERE HAD TO BE SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T LIKE.

The only thing that stunk was my shooting. (For those of you who would like to match the name with the face, I was the one who took that half-court shot and missed by about half a court. I was also the one who airballed all his shots in the three-point shooting contest.)

Yes, Friday night had everything. There were the rumblers, the foam hatchets (I'm still feeling the buzz from the fumes) and the ever-amazing Christopher. All that, plus Smith Center sensation Vesna Perak doing the Macarena.

It just doesn't get any better than that.

But you know what beats all, what is better than all the freebies and the dancing and the hoopla: It is the fact that students actually came out and showed some honest-to-goodness support for their teams.

GW students are famous for their apathy. These are the same people who just a few years ago couldn't fill 2,000 seats unless Massachusetts or Temple was in town. But Friday night was different. The entire student section was filled with screaming, rowdy fans.

Maybe last season changed the face of GW hoops. Both the men's and women's teams went undefeated at home last year. There was something different in the crowds. They were louder. They were wilder. And, most importantly, they were consistently large.

"This is a great event to have at a place like GW, where basketball is such a big part of the school," women's head coach Joe McKeown said. "I was impressed by the turnout."

"This is more of a night for the students than for the players," men's head coach Mike Jarvis said. "It is a nice, healthy way to start the year."

Other schools with more established basketball traditions have been doing this sort of thing for years now. But, up until a few years ago, the words "GW" and "good basketball" were rarely mentioned in the same breath.

It is a testament to McKeown's and Jarvis' strong coaching that GW has both the ability and the reason to hold a party to start the season. Remember, the men's team went 1-27 only eight years ago. The women went 9-19 that same season. To build strong, nationally competitive basketball programs in such a short period is nothing short of amazing.

So the 1996-97 GW hoops season got off to a rousing start Friday. Confidence in both teams is at an all-time high, and rightly so. Both should be "dyn-o-mite" this year.

Now if they would only stop playing the Macarena ....

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-Matt Bonesteel



# SPORTS

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## Women's soccer stays hot in cold Virginia

### Colonial Women battle elements, Lady Hokies to stay undefeated in A-10

BY DUSTIN GOUKER  
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

Senior Vicky Brunt provided all the offense the GW women's soccer team needed Saturday in a 1-0 victory over Atlantic 10 Conference foe Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

The unassisted goal by Brunt at 15:50 was the only goal scored in a defensive struggle that pitted two of the A-10's top teams. Brunt headed a ball into the net after Virginia

Tech goalie Hope Handley deflected a shot by Chemar Smith.

Belying the close score, GW (9-4-1) controlled both sides of the ball statistically, doubling the number of shots on goal by the Lady Hokies, 18-9. But the Colonial Women were not as dominating as they have been in their last few games.

"It wasn't our best game," head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said. "We were a big game for (Virginia Tech), and they came out

hard after every ball."

While the Lady Hokies' aggressiveness had something to do with the competitive score, the conditions the game was played under probably had even more influence on the game. A bad field at in Blacksburg, a steady 25-mile-per-hour wind and cold weather all played a part in keeping the game close.

GW goalkeeper Traci Jensen did her part for the Colonial Women once again, saving four shots in registering her third shutout in four games.

With the win the Colonial Women stay undefeated in A-10 play, improving to 6-0-1 in the conference. Next up for GW is an important game against George Mason. The Wednesday game, which will

start at 4 p.m., is the team's first home game of the year.

In other women's soccer news, senior Kristen Davidson became the school's all-time assist leader with two assists in GW's 3-0 victory over Rhode Island Oct. 12. The assists were the 18th and 19th of Davidson's career, which broke the previous record of 17 held by Be Rife (1989-92). So far this season Davidson has a team-high six assists, proving that a soccer player doesn't have to score goals to be a dominating force on the field.

"When she is confident and not injured, she has blazing speed," Higgins-Cirovski said of Davidson. "She can take players, get to the end line and cross the ball extremely well."

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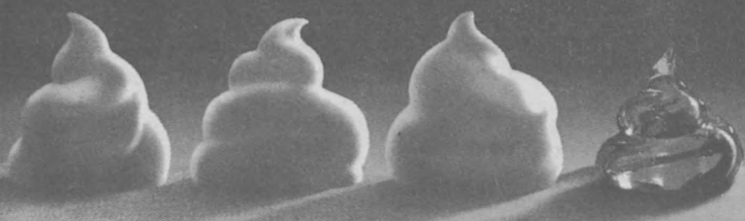
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# SPORTS

## Volleyball team shows progress on 1-1 New England road trip

BY ADAM WILLIS  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW women's volleyball team came away from its toughest weekend of the season playing uncharacteristically well and picking up its most important win of the season.

GW's swing through New England will go in the scorebooks as a .500 road trip, but the effects of the Colonial Women's victory at Massachusetts and strong challenge to Rhode Island may belie

the weekend's modest 1-1 record.

The Colonial Women's ability to pose a serious challenge to Rhode Island, far and away the best team in the Atlantic 10 Conference, signals an end to the most painful part of the team's growth process. At the season's midpoint, the Colonial Women finally appear ready to live up to their potential and become a force in the second half of the season.

### Rhode Island 3, GW 1

The Colonial Women started

sluggishly against the A-10's top-ranked team Saturday, but rebounded to give Rhode Island a serious battle.

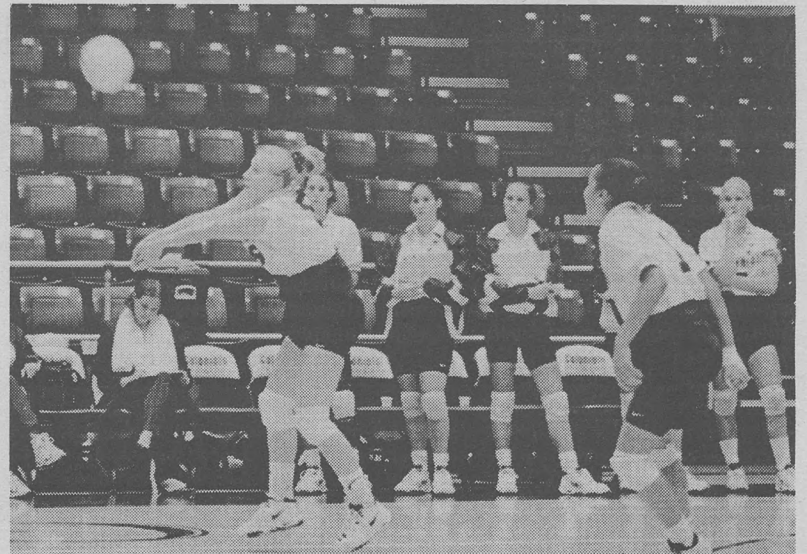
Despite staging a furious fourth-game comeback, GW couldn't come all the way back. The Lady Rams ran their conference record to 10-0, winning 15-4, 15-11, 13-15, 15-9.

If the Colonial Women were allowed to start every game down 5-0, they might be undefeated. Down 8-1 in the match's third game, GW rallied to win 14 of the next 19 points. This game in particular may be looked back on as the turning point in GW's season, proving to the Colonial Women that Rhode Island is beatable and that the season-long attempt to shake off their youth and inexperience may be over.

After the third-game heroics, GW tried to do the unthinkable in the fourth game. Down 14-0 and facing match point, the Colonial Women went on a tear. "We just started racking up points," senior Anna Krimmel said. A 14-point deficit was trimmed to five before the Lady Rams finally converted match point and won the game 15-9.

The GW victory in the third game and stirring comeback attempt in the fourth muted what might have been a boisterous celebration by the Lady Rams, victims of GW dominance in the last two Atlantic 10 championship games.

"Even though we lost that match, you could actually see Rhode Island panic," Krimmel said.



Maher L. Jafari/GW Hatchet

The Colonial Women put in their best performances of the year last weekend, beating UMass and extending Rhode Island to four games.

Theresa Ridder and Anna Krimmel led the Colonial Women in kills with 15 and 14, respectively. Krimmel also led GW with seven block assists. Tai Bethune had a match-high 14 digs, continuing her stretch of fine defensive play. Kate Haubenreich had 41 assists.

### GW 3, UMass 1

GW picked up its biggest win of the season Friday night in Amherst, beating UMass 15-7, 15-10, 10-15, 15-8.

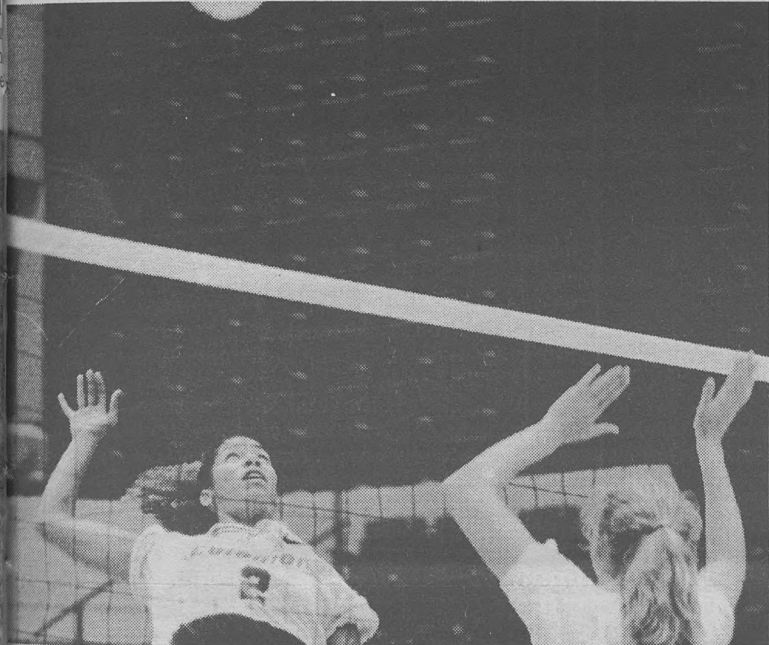
The Colonial Women jumped out to an early lead in the match's first game and played consistently throughout the contest. After a stumble in the third set, GW regained composure and put the match away in impressive form.

Krimmel, Ridder and Crystal Akens all finished with double-digits in the kills column, tallying 13,

12 and 10, respectively. Three Colonial Women put up double-digit dig totals, with Bethune leading the way with 15. Mya Eveland had 12 and Haubenreich added 12 digs to go with her 36 assists.

GW played an incredible match at the net, blocking 19 balls to UMass' four. Bethune finished with a match-high 11 block assists, while Eveland and Krimmel both had eight.

For the year, the Colonial Women now have a record of 8-12. But GW's 5-5 A-10 record is keeping the team in the chase for one of the four spots in the A-10 championship tournament. The Colonial Women will take a trip out Metro's Orange Line to face George Mason Wednesday night, the team's last match before returning home for five matches at Smith Center. The homestand begins Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., when the Colonial Women host Fordham.



Jay Crystal/GW Hatchet

Mya Eveland delivers a kill earlier in the season. She had 12 digs and eight block assists in Friday's win over UMass.

### The Wizard's Words

## No foolin' – the Yankees will win the Series in 6!

When I last wrote in this space, I had a whole lot of pro-Yankee, anti-Oriole sentiment flowing. It nearly came back to haunt me, as the O's had the Yanks scared for a little while. Then, of course, the O's choked.

Now the Yankees have moved on to the World Series, and that is worthy of a prediction on my part.

OK, here goes: Yankees in six, no matter what happened in game 1.

What?? I know the Braves' pitching is pretty scary, and the display they put on against the Cardinals in the final three games of the series was awesome. Nonetheless, having been counseled on the Yankees by a friend of mine in New York, I have adopted some of his theories and come up with sound logic that indicates that the Yankees will win.

To begin with, the time off has been great for New York. Think about Wade Boggs. He's no .111 hitter, as his bad back has made him this post-season. And Paul O'Neill is no .192 hitter, but he's been hamstrung by a bad leg. Hopefully healed by now, I see both of these guys playing better.

I am also a big believer in probability, and I think the odds indicate that a few healthy Yankee stars who have had mediocre postseasons are due to break out. David Cone has at least one masterpiece in him. Tino Martinez, who has hit only .216 with no home runs so far, should knock a couple round-trippers this series. I even believe Kenny Rogers has a solid, six-inning start in him somewhere.

As tough as the Braves' pitchers are, if some of the above Yankees can get key hits and muster three or four runs a game, then New York should be all right. I think this will be enough because I am also a firm believer in the Braves' offense being positively lame.

Besides Chipper Jones and Fred McGriff, who will both have trouble with lefties Andy Pettitte and Jimmy Key anyway, no bat in the Braves lineup is that fearsome. Leadoff hitter Marquis Grissom is solid, but I'd rather face him than Brady Anderson any day. As for Javy Lopez, I turn to the probability logic. He is way overdue to stop getting big hits.

I'm sure any Braves fan can find fault in my logic, but I really tried to look at this series objectively, and I think the Yankees will pull it out. They've shown tremendous heart as a team all year, and even if all the on-field matchups don't entirely turn in their favor, their intangibles should make the difference.

—Ben Osborne



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